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It is a universal truth that the myths of all cultures are the attempts of people to explain the world in which they live. So too, are the myths of ancient Egypt. Within the great epic myths are explained many smaller mysteries of life along the Nile. While enjoying the major epics, be sure to notice the explanations of the Egyptian universe within them. Enjoy!

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the Story of Re

The story of the creation, **Re's** revenge of mankind and how **Isis** tricked **Re** into telling her his secret name.

Isis and Osiris

How **Seth** murdered **Osiris** and how **Horus** avenged his father.

the Seven Year Famine

The story of how **Khnemu** saved Egypt from the ravages of a seven year long famine.

the Princess of Bekhten

How the god of the moon, **Khonsu** saved the life of a princess during the 19th Dynasty.

the Prince and the Sphinx

The story of how a prince became king when he promised to do the famous Great Sphinx of Giza a favor (1405 BC)...

the Doomed Prince

The unfinished fable of a prince who is doomed to die.

the Peasant and the Workman

The 12th Dynasty tale of a peasant on a quest for justice.

the Golden Lotus

A magical 4th Dynasty story reminiscent of the famous parting of the Red Sea by Moses in the Bible.

the Girl with the Rose-Red Slippers

Perhaps the first "Cinderella" fable ever told! It was recorded during the 26th dynasty

the Greek Princess

The Egyptian view of the Trojan War!

the Shipwrecked Sailor

The incredible tale of the lone survivor of a shipwreck.

the Book of Thoth

The story of two men who sought the book written by the hand of Thoth containing all the wisdom of the world.

the Great Queen Hatshepsut

Taken from her temple at Deir-El-Bahri, this myth relates the official story of Hatshepsut's conception and birth.

Isis and the Seven Scorpions

This short myth adds to Isis' reputation as the goddess 'great in magic.'

Se-Osiris and the Sealed Letter

The story of how a young magician foiled an Ethiopian plot against Egypt.

the Land of the Dead

The myth of the only two people to visit the Duat, the land of the dead, and return to tell all about it.

the Adventures of Sinuhe

The story of Sinuhe - an official of Pharaoh's court who goes on the run when the king is assassinated.

the Treasure Thief

The legend of the Treasure Thief who outwitted Rameses III.

Bulfinch's Mythology: Egyptian Deities

Bulfinch's take on Egyptian mythology. It is very Greek-oriented, for example **Seth** is called Typhon. He gives the myth of Isis and Osiris, information about the Apis bull and other writers' views on Egyptian gods.

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